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Melissa McCaw, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

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February 4, 2021

Re: Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments – Non-Governmental Short-Term General Hospitals

Dear General Hospital:

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7EEE, Section 1, and Section 17b-11 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to the extent authorized in accordance with the attached CRF Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Department of Social Services ("DSS") will make a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payment to each non-governmental licensed short-term general hospital located in Connecticut that meets all applicable requirements for such payments (the "Hospital").

The Agreement must be completed, signed, and returned no later than February 18, 2021 as part of the cost report submission package and is one of the conditions necessary before DSS can process the CRF payment. **Please review the entire Agreement carefully.** CRF payments may be utilized only for applicable costs and expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency consistent with federal law and CRF guidance¹. The Hospital must maintain documentation of these costs. The Hospital must also complete and submit a CRF Payment cost report (for the March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 period) to DSS using the attached form in both Microsoft Excel and Portable Document Format (PDF) as soon as possible and no later than February 18, 2021. The completed cost report must be received before DSS can process CRF payments. As set forth in the Agreement, the amount of the CRF payment will be the amount listed on the attached spreadsheet. The Recipient may submit revisions to the CRF Payment cost report no later than March 30, 2021.

In addition, in accordance with the Agreement, the Hospital shall apply at least 15% of the CRF payment to one or more qualified Sub-Recipients as described in the Agreement and the recipient Hospital must fully document and ensure compliance with any such transferred payment, including detailing the allocation to Sub-Recipient and applicable costs on the cost report supporting such transferred CRF payment for each Sub-Recipient. As set forth in the Agreement, in the event that applying such 15% threshold would create a financial hardship, as defined in the agreement, at the

¹ Federal Guidance and supplementary Frequently Asked Questions documents related to the use of CRF funding may be found at the following links, and may be updated periodically:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>;

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

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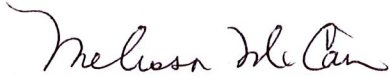
same time as submitting the cost report, the Hospital may submit a written request for a modification or waiver to DSS that meets the requirements set forth in the Agreement.

In order to enable this payment to be made quickly, DSS has calculated the maximum CRF payment amount for each Hospital as specified on the attached spreadsheet, which is intended to reflect a portion of COVID-19 related costs and expenses incurred by the Hospital and/or eligible Sub-Recipients over the period from March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

As set forth in the Agreement, on an ongoing basis, the Recipient shall track and submit monthly reports to DSS and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) detailing receipt of federal COVID-19 relief funds. DSS and/or OPM will separately provide additional detail. Additional details regarding the CRF payments may be posted at a later date to the DSS Web site.

If you have any questions, please contact both Roberta.Cecil@ct.gov and Jose.Lebtron@ct.gov. Please also submit the completed Notice, Cost Reports, and any other related documents and correspondence to the same email addresses noted immediately above and please consolidate submissions to the extent possible within a single email. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Secretary, OPM



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